

I urge the commissioners to reject this proposal. The outlined proposal would tend to mire the amateur service in the past--morse code has been dropped by nearly all the radio services as a viable mode of communication. Even though its simplicity, clarity and its tendency to get through when other modes will not are merits of morse, its continuing decline of popularity and the fact that there are fewer amateur radio operators who make use of it from year to year point out that it is no longer the mainstay of amateur radio it once was. Since the remainder of the proposal also tends to be a step back instead of forward for the amateur radio service, as it tends to restore greater morse speed requirements and plans that the commission has already rejected as outdated, I urge the commission to bring the amateur service further out of past times instead of restoring them.